

## CAREER PATHWAY CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION: CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND FAMILY STUDIES (18 CREDITS)

The Career Pathway Certificate of Completion: Childhood Education and Family Studies (18 credits) is intended to provide students with the skills needed to begin a career in Childhood Education and Family Studies. This certificate can also assist the student in earning a Child Development Associate Certificate (CDA). Students enroll in this program for a variety of reasons including upgrading skills and knowledge, obtaining a degree or retraining for a new profession. The credits earned can lead into a Certificate of Completion Childhood Education and Family Studies, an AAS Childhood Education and Family Studies or AS with an emphasis in Childhood Education and Family Studies which will transfer to a university. All courses are offered online.

### PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this program the student will have knowledge and skills in the following Standards\*:

- Standard 3 a, b, c, d
- Standard 4 a, b, c, d
- Standard 5 c

Standard 6 a, b, c, d, e

Standard 7 a, b

\*For a full description of the standards please refer to the AAS Childhood Education and Family Studies program description.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to take the college placement test to determine skill level and readiness in math, reading and writing. As part of their training program, students must begin with the courses within their skill level as determined by the college placement test scores.

All Early Childhood Education and Family Studies students are required to obtain a valid first aid and CPR card, a Food Handlers Card and enroll in HDFS9284 Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting. They are also required to have a criminal history background check and proof of immunizations.

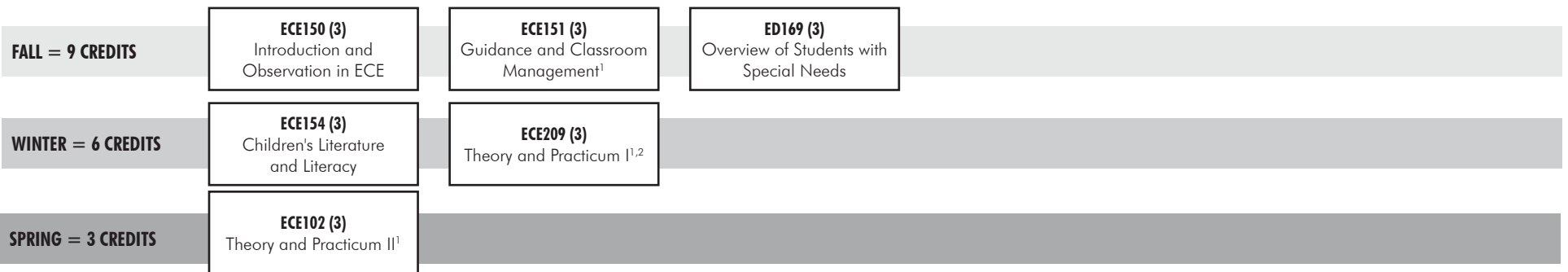
### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete a minimum of 18 credit hours with a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or better. All courses must be passed with a grade of 'C' or better. One course must be completed at Southwestern before the Childhood Education and Family Studies: Career Pathway Certificate of Completion: Childhood Education and Family Studies (18 Credits) is awarded.

Complete the graduation application process one term prior to the term of completion (e.g., spring term graduates must apply during winter term).

Credit for prior learning options are available for students with an Infant Toddler Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. Step seven on the Oregon Registry and with community based training or certificate of completion for first connections training and watching.

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## 18 CREDITS = TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENT

**PROGRAM NOTES**  
<sup>1</sup>ECE/ED151, ECE209 and ECE102 must be taken in sequence.  
<sup>2</sup>A criminal history check is required for ECE209.